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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED FORD ECONOMIC
PROGRAM; TUESDAY THURSDAY PAPERS FEATURED TURKISH AID
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ISSUE; THURSDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGES FORD HINTS OF BREZHNEV
TALKS. LITTLE FRESH COMMENT.

1A. TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED KISSINGER PRESS

CONFERENCE, ALSO KISSINGER TRIES TO SAVE SOVIET EMIGRATION;
ALSO 1975 DEFENSE BUDGET DIVIDES WHITE HOUSE; PLUS
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY THAT U.S. NAVY SHIPS CARRY NUCLEAR
ARMS UPSETS JAPANESE; WASHPOST REPORTED FOUR NATO
COUNTRIES DELAY PLANE PURCHASES; NYTIMES HAD WEST EUROPE
CAUTIOUS ABOUT U.S. TOUGH POLICY WITH OIL COUNTRIES.

1B. WEDNESDAY PAPERS REPORTED NEW PLAN ON SOVIET
EMIGRATION; ALSO FORD AND GIEREK STRESS FRIENDLY TIES;
WASHPOST REPORTED JEROME GIVISHIANI, KOSYGIN'S SON-IN-LAW,
IS TOURING U.S. GIVING TALKS IN BEHALF OF INCREASED
BUSINESS AND RESEARCH CONTACTS; WASHPOST MARDER REPORTED
BREZHNEV FORD PLAN 1974 SUMMIT IN PACIFIC AREA. THURSDAY

WASHPOST MARDER REPORTS KISSINGER BREZHNEV TALKS COULD
SET SUMMIT DATE; NYTIMES MIDDLETON REPORTS PENTAGON
DETECTS A SOVIET MOBILE ICBM; TIMES ALSO HAS MOSCOW,
SOVIET SAYS NUCLEAR TALKS ARE UNDERWAY.

2. FORD-BREZHNEV. THURSDAY BALTSUN WASHINGTON SPECIAL
STRESSES FORD STILL PLANS 1976 BID, REPORTS NEXT FORD
AT NEWS CONFERENCE HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL 1974
MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, ADDING THE PURPOSE SEEMED CLEARLY
TO BE TO PATCH CRACKS DEVELOPING IN DETENTE. STORY ADDS
LATER FORD REFUSED TO CONFIRM A REPORT HE PLANS TO
MEET BREZHNEV IN WESTERN PACIFIC AT EITHER END OF HIS
NOVEMBER 19-23 TRIP TO JAPAN KOREA BUT POINTED OUT THAT
DR. KISSINGER WILL BE DISCUSSING FURTHER EFFORTS TO
CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MOSCOW AT END OF THIS MONTH,
PRESIDENT SAYING: BREZHNEV HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME
TO U.S. IN 1975; IF THERE IS A REASON FOR US TO MEET
BEFORE THAT MEETING I WILL CERTAINLY CONSIDER IT. SUCH
A MEETING, STORY SPECULATES, WOULD HAVE AN EVEN BROADER
PURPOSE SINCE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE HAD SEVERAL
JOLTS IN RECENT WEEKS, INCLUDING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT
SOME OF THE ARMS AGREEMENTS REACHED LAST JULY AND U.S.
CANCELLATION OF SOVIET GRAIN ORDERS LAST WEEK, STORY
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ADDING THAT YESTERDAY PRESIDENT REPLEDGED HIMSELF
TO CONCEPT OF DETENTE AND IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT AN
INTERIM MEETING WITH BREZHNEV WOULD BE DIRECTED AT
KEEPING THAT EFFORT INTACT. STORY SAYS PRESIDENT'S
DECLARATION OF FONDNESS AND RESPECT FOR KISSINGER MIGHT
HAVE HAD SAME PURPOSE, NOTING FORD MADE THE UNUSUAL
GESTURE TUESDAY OF GOING TO ANDREWS TO SEE KISSINGER
OFF.

2A. THURSDAY WASHPOST MARDER SAYS FORD INDICATED
KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TALKS WILL HELP DETERMINE WHETHER
THERE WILL BE AN EARLY FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING IN THE
FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT SUCH A MEETING IS

EVEN BEING CONSIDERED. MARDER ALSO NOTES FORD'S EFFUSIVE PRAISE FOR KISSINGER AND REPORTED PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT KISSINGER IN MOSCOW WILL HAVE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR A NEW U.S. POSITION ON THE QUOTE VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY CRITICAL AREA UNQUOTE OF ARMS CONTROL. MARDER SAYS NEWSMEN RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM KISSINGER'S OFFICIAL PARTY GOING TO MIDEAST THAT A FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED, ONE OFFICIAL IN THE PARTY SAYING: THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE THAN A GET-ACQUAINTED SESSION--A CHANCE FOR THEM TO TALK ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. MARDER SAYS THIS STATEMENT APPEARED TO DOVETAIL WITH PRESIDENT'S MORE ELLIPTICAL REMARK THAT THERE HAS TO BE A REASON TO WARRANT AN EARLY MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, MARDER ADDING

SOVIET UNION IS KNOWN TO WANT A FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING SOON IF ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED MOMENTUM FOR US-SOVIET DETENTE POLICY.

2B. THURSDAY NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW SAYS BREZHNEV WAS REPORTED BY RELIABLE SOURCES TO BE PRESSING FOR A MEETING WITH FORD THIS FALL DURING PRESIDENT'S ASIAN VISIT, SOME SOURCES SAYING SUCH A MEETING WOULD DEPEND ON RESULTS OF KISSINGER'S MOSCOW VISIT. SMITH ADDS SOME SOVIET SOURCES SAID ONE POSSIBLE SITE FOR FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING WAS VLADIVOSTOK BUT THE GENERALLY CAUTIOUS REACTION OF PRESIDENT FORD AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOWARD THE ENTIRE IDEA OF A MEETING MADE IT LIKELY UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT A MORE NEUTRAL SITE MIGHT BE CHOSEN, IF INDEED ANY VISIT IS TO TAKE PLACE AT ALL. TIMES HAS TRAILER FROM CAIRO REPORTING KISSINGER EXPECTS TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW A POSSIBLE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING, ADDING THAT REPORTED ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE WERE TOLD SOVIET UNION RAISED ISSUE IN AUGUST BUT SO FAR NO FIXED PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE. MEETING'S PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GET ACQUAINTED AND PERHAPS TO GIVE MOMENTUM TO SOME NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY SALT.

3. NUCLEAR TESTS. TUESDAY BALTSUN REPORT ON KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE STRESSED SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON GRAIN DEAL, ALSO MENTIONED NEWSMAN'S QUESTION PREMISED ON PRESS REPORTS THAT THE AMERICANS ARE TRYING TO BROADEN LAST JULY'S MOSCOW AGREEMENT ON LIMITING UNDERGROUND TESTING TO INCLUDE LIMITS ON PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS AS WELL. STORY SAYS DR. KISSINGER TERMED REPORTS NOT CORRECT IN ALL RESPECTS AND SAID AMERICANS AND RUSSIANS AGREED IN MOSCOW THERE WOULD BE NO RATIFICATION OF WEAPONS TEST BAN UNLESS THERE WAS ALSO AN AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. STORY RECALLS THAT KISSINGER SAID LAST JULY 3 IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT

THE WEAPONS TREATY WOULDN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WERE WORKED OUT, INCLUDING ONE ON PEACEFUL USES IN WHICH ADEQUATE ASSURANCE WILL BE GIVEN THAT THEY WILL NOT BE USED TO CIRCUMVENT THE INTENTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

3A. TUESDAY WASHPOST MARDER MENTIONED IN HIS KISSINGER STORY THAT SECRETARY CONCEDED THERE ARE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD ON COMPLETING TESTING AGREEMENT, ADDING NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN IN MOSCOW MONDAY BUT KISSINGER DENIED THAT US IS NOW TRYING TO HAVE THE TREATY QUOTE RENEGOTIATED UNQUOTE, SECRETARY SAYING THE AGREEMENT ITSELF PROVIDED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATIONS TO DEVELOP CRITERIA TO CHECK ON NON-MILITARY EXPLOSIONS,

ESPECIALLY OVER THE 150-KILOTON THRESHOLD. MARDER SAID SECRETARY LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT CURRENT ATTEMPTS MIGHT END IN STALEMATE, CITING THE DIFFICULTY OF DEFINING CRITERIA FOR EXPLOSIONS ABOVE 150 KILOTONS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUDING THAT JUDGMENT AS WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP THESE CRITERIA CAN BE MADE ONLY AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

3B. JOSEPH KRAFT IN HIS TUESDAY COLUMN MENTIONED THAT BREZHNEV IN EAST BERLIN SPOKE OF ARMS CONTROL AND STRESSED AN UNDERGROUND TESTING BAN WHICH, KRAFT SAID, WAS A SOVIET SHOT AT THE CHINESE WHO TEST IN THE OPEN.

3C. THURSDAY NYTIMES HAS MOSCOW AP REPORTING US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON BROADENING AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE PEACEFUL TESTS OPENED WEDNESDAY ACCORDING SOVIET PRESS AGENCY. AP NOTES KISSINGER SAID IN WASHINGTON THESE MOSCOW TALKS WOULD INCLUDE GOOD FAITH CRITERIA FOR BANNING WEAPONS TESTS ABOVE 150 KILOTONS. ACCORDING AP, US SOURCES IN MOSCOW HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TALKS WOULD BE STARTING BUT EMBASSY HAS DECLINED TO DISCUSS THEM, AP ADDING TASS SAID STOESSEL HEADS ONE DELEGATION, MOROKHOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES, THE OTHER.

4. DEFENSE AND WEAPONS. TUESDAY NYTIMES FINNEY REPORTED A MAJOR POLICY DEBATE WITH ADMINISTRATION ON 1976 DEFENSE BUDGET, WITH OMB PROPOSING 92-BILLION BUDGET WHICH IS 8 BILLION MORE THAN PRESENT YEAR BUT PENTAGON FEELS INFLATION WILL REQUIRE BUDGET OF 104 BILLION.

4A. TUESDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY REPORTED GAO IS STUDYING CLAIMS THAT NAVY'S TRIDENT CONTRACT WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS IS A RISKY VENTURE WITH A SURE COST OVERRUN, INQUIRY

HAVING BEEN REQUESTED BY REP. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SEAPOWERS SUBCOMMITTEE, AFTER GORDON RULE'S LETTER WHICH MAINTAINED CONTRACT PRICE SHOULD BE 310 MILLION INSTEAD 285.4 MILLION. GAO REPORT IS DUE IN DECEMBER.

4B. THURSDAY NYTIMES MIDDLETON LOCAL REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON, SOVIET UNION HAS DEVELOPED A MOBILE ICBM AND HAS BUILT 151 NEW SILOS FOR EMPLACED ICBMS, ADDING THAT THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN IN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR SOME TIME BUT HAVEN'T BEEN MADE PUBLIC, THE SOURCES SAID, BECAUSE PENTAGON DOESN'T WISH TO APPEAR TO BE EXACERBATING MOSCOW-WASHINGTON RELATIONS WHILE SALT TWO

IS UNDER WAY. ACCORDING MIDDLETON, WHAT RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY DONE STRIKES MANY EXPERTS AS VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT IF NOT THE LETTER OF THE 1972 INTERIM AGREEMENT, AT WHICH TIME BREZHNEV MADE A LAST-MINUTE OBJECTION TO A DRAFT ARTICLE WHICH WOULD HAVE BANNED MOBILE MISSILES.

5. COMMENT. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN EDITORIAL, MINUET OF THE SUPERDANCERS, SAYS SUPERPOWERS PIOUSLY AGREED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF THEIR MISSILES BUT KEEP OPEN OPTION TO MAKE THEM EVER MORE SOPHISTICATED. NOW SUPERPOWERS PROPOSE COMPROMISE LIMITATION: 150-KILOTON LIMIT ON MILITARY TESTS, BUT NONE AT ALL ON PEACEFUL TESTS, WHICH EVERYONE KNOWS ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE. NOW SUPERS ARE NEGOTIATING AGAIN FOR A THRESHOLD -- NOT A BAN -- ON PEACEFUL TESTS. THIS IS LETTING OUT OF THE BOTTLE IN SUNDRY COUNTRIES VERY, VERY BAD GENIES WHO WANT TO JOIN THE SUPERDANCE. INGERSOLL

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